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Sailors and Marines have a new tool available to help them stay safe behind the wheel: an interactive, multimedia eLearning course called “Driving for Life: Avoiding the Fatal Four.” *[The “fatal four” refers to speeding, driving tired, driving drunk, and not wearing a seat belt.—Ed.]* Co-developed by the Navy’s Center for Personnel Development (CPD) and the Marine Corps, the course is designed to fulfill both services’ traffic-safety program requirement.

Available on Navy eLearning and accessed through Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) My Education, “Driving for Life” complies with Department of Defense and Department of Navy requirements (DoD Instruction 6055.4 and OpNavInst 5100.12G). Those requirements are that every Sailor and Marine under 26 years of age complete a driver-training course.

“Driving for Life,” however, isn’t designed to take the place of the eight-hour, instructor-led AAA program for individuals involved in an at-fault crash of a GMV on or off government property, or those who have been convicted of a serious moving violation in a PMV or GMV while on government property.

This eLearning course covers proactive driving, reactive driving, and imminent collisions. “The revolution in Navy training has shown us we have to be more creative with course development and delivery,” said Capt. William Marlowe, CPD commanding officer. “So, eLearning was a natural choice. Given the nature of our subject matter, though, we had to be sure we weren’t just throwing something together to satisfy a requirement. We want our Sailors and Marines to come away with a greater appreciation of the responsibilities they have as drivers, as well as teaching them tactics to be safer on the road.”

The eLearning format allows Sailors and Marines to return to the web-based training to refresh their skills after initial completion. Successful completion of this course (e.g., scoring 80 percent or better) is documented in the Navy Training and Management Planning System (NTMPS). It also is reflected in Electronic Training Jacket, accessible through NKO.

To learn more about “Driving for Life” or to enroll in the course, log on to Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil and proceed to Navy eLearning found on the My Education page. ■